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PROMOTION OF ONION CULTIVATION .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has decided to export onion in the current financial year;

(b) If so, the quantity of onion exported and foreign exchange earned therefrom so far and proposed to be exported during the remaining period of this year;

(c) The estimated yield of onion this year and the area under said cultivation in the country particularly in West Bengal, State-wise; and

(d) The measures taken by the Government to promote onion cultivation? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): As per the extant Foreign Trade Policy, onions can be exported after obtaining a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Government designated State Trading Enterprises (STEs).

(b): As per the available data, approximately 3.32 lakh MTs of onions have been exported during the year 2006-07 (upto 31.07.2006) valued approximately at Rs.300 crores. No targets have been fixed for the remaining year.

(c): The yield of onion in 2005-06 was about 13.274 tonnes per hectare. The State-wise area, production and productivity of onion during 2005-06 , is at Annexure.

(d): Under the National Horticulture Mission, Government supports onion seed infrastructure; production of seed in the public and private sectors; and low cost storage facilities. Schemes such as the Transport Assistance Scheme and Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojna are implemented to ensure that the farmers get remunerative prices for their exports as well as increased access to the international market.